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Youth Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2008

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CITY OF SANTA CLARA
YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES
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The City of Santa Clara Youth Commission met for an informational meeting on Tuesday, November 4, 2008 at 6:00pm at the Santa Clara Teen Center, 2446 Cabrillo Avenue, Santa Clara, California.

Present: Commissioners: Ferheen Abbasi, Paul Barghouth, Anthony Danh, Ayumi Gothberg, Vanessa Harsh, Noama Itekhhar, Jennifer Juniega, Kristina Little, Katelyn McInerney, Amisha Patel, Niral Patel, Vy Nguyen and Megan Reynolds

Absent: Anya Vo - Unexcused
Adeeb Chowdhury - Excused

Guests: Chanelle O'Connell - Santa Clara University student
Etmae Brinkers - Santa Clara University student
Danielle Mooney - Santa Clara University student
Abhie Mangla - Student at Wilcox High School

Staff Present: Jennifer Herb, Recreation Supervisor
Jon Kawada, Recreation Coordinator
Nan Choi, Young Adult Librarian

Matters for City Council Action - None

- I. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Chair, Vanessa Harsh at 6:09 p.m.
- II. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS -
Chanelle O'Connell - Santa Clara University student
Etmae Brinkers - Santa Clara University student
Danielle Mooney - Santa Clara University student
Abhie Mangla - Student at Wilcox High School
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 26, SEPTEMBER 2 AND OCTOBER 14 MEETINGS - Paul Barghouth made a motion to amend the minutes with the following changes: On the August 26 minutes, V I. - Uncrustables should be added to the list of food items that the Youth Commission sold. On the October 14 minutes, under Present: Emi should read Ayumi. III E, a - Miss Santa Clara orientation was on November 1, not November 11. Niral Patel seconded the motion. Niral Patel made a motion to approve the amended minutes, seconded by Ferheen Abbasi.
- IV. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS-
 - A. Wilcox
 - a. November 10 - Toy Drive for George Mayne Elementary School begins
 - b. November 13 and 14 - Drama Production, "Noises off"
 - c. November 18 - Sony Sophomore presentation
 - d. November 26 - 28, Thanksgiving break
 - B. Peterson Middle School
 - a. November 11 - Veteran's Day, No school

- b. November 3 to the 21, clothes donations to the Bill Wilson Homeless Shelter.
- C. Library
 - a. November 25 – “Jumper,” Book/Movie discussion
 - b. December 13 – Author Art Rodriguez, “East Side Dreams” will be speaking at 2:00pm. Admission is free.
- D. Teen Center
 - a. November 14 – Gobble Gobble Food Faire at the Teen Center. High School clubs to sell food to the kids at the Teen Zone. Sign up at the Teen Center.
- E. Santa Clara
 - a. November 20 – 22, Drama Production, “The Matchmaker”
- F. Archbishop Mitty
 - a. November 3 – Parent Teacher conferences
 - b. November 14 – Student Holiday
 - c. November 18 – Junior Parent Night
 - d. November 20 – Fall Improv Night
 - e. November 23 – Open House
 - f. November 26 – Recent Grads Reunion
 - g. November 27 & 28 – Thanksgiving holiday
- V. SUMMARY OF CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Jennifer Herb shared with the Youth Commission items that were on the City Council agenda for the October 28 meeting: the proposed roller coaster at California’s Great America, the approval of Amendment No. 1 in regards to the San Tomas Aquino/Saratoga Creek Trail, Reach 3, the International Exchange Commission recommendation to extend official invitation to Ireland’s President Mary McAleese and the recommendation to ask for financial support for Wilcox High School band to travel to Limerick Ireland.
- VI. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Determine actual dates of special events – the Youth Commission discussed different dates for the events that they had selected and decided on the following:
 - 1. 2nd Harvest Food Band – November 20
 - 2. Benefit Bingo Spaghetti Dinner – January 30
 - 3. Neighborhood Clean-up – April 4
 - 4. Fashion Forward Benefit Fashion Show – May 2
 - B. Halloween Party, October 31 - The Youth Commission sold hot dogs, Uncrustables, chips, juice and milk boxes at the YAC Halloween Party and at the Teen Center during Halloween Scream. The commission raised \$499.00 and it will go into the Community Service Scholarship Fund.
- VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS – the Youth Commission established committees based on what projects they have coming up. The following committee reports have been established:
 - A. Neighborhood Clean-up – The committee met and selected Niral Patel and Paul Barghouth to co-host this committee. The committee decided that they would like to host a “Neighborhood Clean-up” day on April 4th. Their goal is to team up with able-bodied Sr. Citizens and help others get ready for Clean-up Week. The event will be from 10:00am – 2:00pm with a picnic lunch provided to all volunteers. A committee meeting was scheduled for November 18 at 5:30pm.
 - B. Benefit Bingo Spaghetti Dinner – The committee met and selected Vanessa Harsh and Ferheen Abbasi to co-host this committee. The committee selected Silicon Valley Animal Control Authority, Animal Assistance Program as the organization that would

- receive the majority of proceeds from the event. They would also like to put a percentage of the proceeds towards the Community Service Scholarship Fund, in order to offer more scholarships to their peers. The event will be held at the Sr. Center from 5:00pm – 9:00pm and consist of a spaghetti dinner, raffle and Bingo. Entrance to the event will be \$10.00. A committee meeting was scheduled for November 18 at 6:00pm.
- C. Fashion Forward Fashion Show – The committee met and selected Vanessa Harsh, Ferheen Abbasi and Jennifer Juniega to co-host this committee. The committee selected Next Door, Solutions to Domestic Violence and the Princess Project as the organizations that would benefit from the event. The majority of proceeds will go to Next Door and dresses donated at the event will go to the Princess Project. They would also like to put a percentage of the proceeds towards the Community Service Scholarship Fund, in order to offer more scholarships to their peers. The event will be held at the Teen Center on May 2 from 7:00pm – 10:00pm. The evening will consist of raffle, silent auction, desserts and fashion show. The entrance fee is \$10.00 or \$5.00 if a dress is donated. A committee meeting was scheduled for November 18 at 6:30pm.
- D. Transportation - The committee met briefly to continue the discussion of the possibility of a teen shuttle in Santa Clara. The suggestion of using existing Santa Clara Unified Transportation routes was made. Committee members also suggested that the shuttle could be a multiple use program, offering assistance to Sr. Citizens and Therapeutic Recreation services. A committee meeting was scheduled for November 18 at 5:00pm.


VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Gobble² at the Teen Center, November 14 – The Teen Center is once again hosting the Gobble² from 6:00pm – 9:00pm. Clubs that are interested in having a booth should sign-up at the Teen Center by November 12. Sign-ups are on a first-come-first-serve basis.
- B. Teambuilding – Ropes Course, November 15 - Jennifer Herb located a ropes course at Saratoga Springs that is run by Odyssey Performance. She was able to book November 15. The Youth Commission will take part in an all day teambuilding activity from 9:00am – 4:00pm
- C. 2ND Harvest Food Bank – November 20
- D. YAC Social, November 22 – Youth and Teen Recreation Services (YTRS) is holding a YAC social for all Youth Advisory/Commission/Activities groups. The event will be held in Redwood City at the Senior Center. Jennifer Herb and Jon Kawada will be transporting the Youth Commission to the event via City vans.
- E. Holiday Potluck and gift exchange, December 9 – Jennifer Herb asked the commission is they wanted to have a Holiday Potluck and gift exchange at the December 9 meeting. The group will draw names and spend \$20.00 for that person. Jennifer Herb will send out a sign-up sheet for the commission to bring items for the potluck.

IX. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS – None

- X. ADJOURN – A motion was made by Ferheen Abbasi and seconded by Kristina Little to adjourn the meeting at 7:38pm. Meeting was adjourned to the next scheduled meeting, Tuesday, December 9, at the Teen Center.

Minutes Prepared by:


Jennifer Herb
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Recreation Supervisor